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Dear Charitable Gaming Stakeholder:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate in the upcoming review of the regulations governing charitable gaming in Virginia.

We are considering the consolidation of the two current regulations, 11 VAC 15-22, *Charitable Gaming Rules and Regulations*, and 11 VAC 15-31, *Supplier Regulations*, into one single regulation that will also establish guidelines regarding electronic pull-tabs. The number and title of the consolidated regulation will be 11 VAC 15-40, *Charitable Gaming Regulations*.

We encourage you to submit comments regarding changes that you would like to see to the existing regulations, as well as your thoughts on the electronic pull-tab regulations. You may submit your comments via the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall during the public comment period which runs from **November 8 through December 8, 2010**.

The web address for the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall is www.townhall.virginia.gov. Under the "Public Comment Forums" heading, select "Open Comment Forums," look for the tab for "Secretariat – Agriculture and Forestry," and choose *Charitable Gaming Regulations* [11 VAC 15-40]. Please keep in mind that comments may only be submitted during the public comment period.

Once all stakeholder comments and suggestions are evaluated, we will develop a proposed regulation and will again invite public comments. After considering those comments, we will eventually move to present the regulation to the Charitable Gaming Board for final adoption.

Your comments are essential to the promulgation of fair and practical regulations that provide for reasonable oversight while at the same time advancing the professionalism of the industry and helping charitable organizations maximize their fundraising efforts. For additional information about the Office of Charitable Gaming, please visit our website at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/gaming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Alvarez".

Andres Alvarez
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